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KNIGHT INKS LOCAL COURT BILL

Council to Hear Report on Parks

The city's \$6000 survey of park and recreation needs will be discussed by Robert Gold, senior associate in Kroeger Associates before the City Council at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Under preparation for several months, the report has been compiled by the Kroeger group under contract to the city to aid in planning recreational areas for the fast growing community.



(Herald Photo)

JACK N. DABBS

... Seeks Re-election

Dabbs Seeking Reelection to El Camino Board

Jack N. Dabbs, member of the El Camino Board of Trustees since July 1, 1954, will seek re-election to that office unopposed in the May 17 balloting. Dabbs was the only candidate to file for the office at closing time last Wednesday evening, according to the County Superintendent of Schools who supervises the elections.

Dabbs, general manager of M & M Theaters which includes the Stadium and Torrance theaters here, and owner of the Jack N. Dabbs Insurance Co., has been serving as president of the El Camino trustees since 1955.

Tax on Ballot
Also on the ballot will be a measure to continue the 20-cent override tax to permit the continuation of the college's pay-as-you-go building program. The override is for a five-year period, and will permit construction of new classrooms, a men's gymnasium, additions to the library and bookstore, and shops and laboratories.

"The present school enrollment is expected to reach 12,000 by 1962, and probably will be at least 18,000 by 1965," told the HERALD yesterday.

El Camino has no bonded indebtedness, and the facilities of the modern college at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Crenshaw have been built from the beginning on a cash basis.

Dabbs, who has headed the city's Community Chest campaign, has been vice chairman of the Harbor Area campaign twice. Lives at 1840 Juniper Ave. with his wife, Margaret, and three children, Janice, 15; Stephen, 11, and Marilyn, 8.

He is a member of the Torrance Rotary Club, and has been active in Torrance civic affairs for many years.

Boy Grabbed Billfold, Woman Tells Police

A little boy snatched her billfold as she was coming home from the bank, Mrs. Ila Payne, 1920 Torrance Blvd., told Torrance police Friday.

Parts of the report have been discussed previously, particularly the revelation that the county may be planning a 132-acre regional park in the west end of the recently annexed Victor Tract in west Torrance.

Civic Center Park
The report also is slated to have a professional answer to the city's desires for a regional park built at city expense adjacent to the new civic center on Torrance Blvd. This park, which will cost an estimated several million dollars to acquire and develop, has been the center of controversy since the Council filed condemnation suit on it last year.

Other Matters
Other matters due before the City Council Tuesday when the formal session convenes at 8 p.m. include:

Discussion with Store Properties, Inc., representing a 1.5-acre development of the Airport Triangle at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Hwy.

Legal claim of Genevieve F. Winterbottom for personal injuries incurred when a Torrance Municipal Bus was struck from the rear in Los Angeles on March 15.

Request of American Little League for sewer lines to service restrooms at the Seaside Sump.

Variance requested by Torrance Unified School District to fill in elementary school site adjacent to new South High School.

Request of Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem for policy on concession stands at swimming pool.

New fire regulations for Torrance Municipal Airport Commission.

Post Office Operations Normal Again

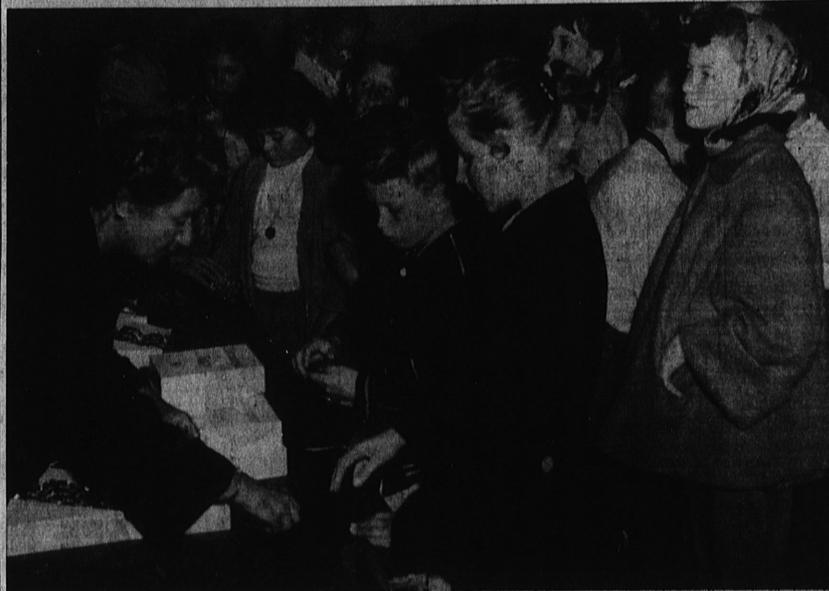
Things were back to normal at the Torrance Post Office yesterday, except that the hours of operation were shorter, according to Postmaster Clara E. Conner.

Mail deliveries were stopped for one Saturday due to a dispute between the Postmaster General and Congress over appropriations, but service was resumed yesterday.

Hours at the local Post Office will be from 9 to 5:30, Monday through Friday, and from 8 to 12, Saturdays, Mrs. Conner said. Formerly, the Post Office was open from 8 to 6, Monday through Friday.

The Postmaster General announced that shorter hours would be observed since Congress failed to appropriate some of the money he requested.

Mrs. Conner said that Saturday collections would be the same as on week days, and there would be two business deliveries per day. Money orders will continue to be sold as usual, although the Postmaster General had threatened to curtail them if he failed to get the money.



CELEBRATING EASTER... Kiddies crammed the Civic Auditorium here yesterday morning after rains forced the program inside after it was scheduled for El Prado Park.

The wet weather apparently didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the youngsters, and several hundred showed up to collect chocolate eggs and other candies.



EASTER BUNNY WET... Recreation Leader Dave Jones hands Easter gifts to Steven Payne, 3, and his sister, Denise, 4, during yesterday's hunt. Steven and Denise are the children of Mrs. V. W. Payne, 5013 W. Carson St.

Moose Praise Youngsters Who Don't Get in Trouble

"The Loyal Order of Moose prefer to take cognizance of the much greater percentage of young men and women who are not getting any publicity in the nation's press," according to Daniel Desmond, governor of the Torrance Moose Lodge, and Joseph Platt, civic affairs chairman.

"Almost every day the national and local press," continued the Moose governor, "reports an appalling rise in juvenile delinquency. Jurists, congressmen, religious leaders, educators and laymen generally wonder, with raised eyebrows, what the younger generation is coming to."

"We of the Moose organization," said Desmond, "think of the nation's youngsters who are not getting their activities mentioned in the newspapers... young people who are growing up into fine citizens. These youngsters, under the guidance of the men and women of the Moose and other fraternal and civic organizations, are not likely to become problems for civic authorities in their community."

Planners Study Trailer Problem

Trailers in front yards came under the scrutinizing eye of the Torrance Planning Commission Wednesday night, as it made plans for an ordinance to regulate their location.

Many complaints had been received about trailers being left in front yards for long periods of time, making a neighborhood eyegore.

Under a plan suggested by the Planners, owners would be prohibited from parking their trailers in their front yards for more than 48 hours, for moving, handling dirt, or unloading.

Setback Conformance
The Planners considered the possibility of making trailers conform to building setback requirements now in force for homes.

500 Signers Back Lomita City Drive

Lomita incorporation signatures topped the 500 mark yesterday as the incorporation proponents stepped up their mail petition campaign.

Linden H. Chandler, chairman of the United Lomita Group, reported that some 4400 property owners had received incorporation petitions by mail. Needed to qualify for incorporation election are 25 per cent of the property owners, representing at least 25 per cent of the assessed valuation.

Chandler said the incorporation proponents were aiming at between 1200 to 1400 signatures to present to the County Board of Supervisors by the May 1 deadline. The campaign is "getting tremendous response," according to Chandler.

"The people of Lomita are aware that incorporation is their only hope of keeping Lomita intact," Chandler said. He said the group expects an election to be held possibly in August or September.

In the election, a majority of Lomita's 15,000 voters would be needed for incorporation.

Two-Year Drive For Courts Won

A two-year battle for establishment of a municipal court in Torrance was climaxed Thursday when Governor Goodwin J. Knight signed a bill authorizing the appointment of a third judge in the South Bay Judicial District.

The Governor's signature to a bill started through the Assembly on Jan. 10 of this year by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas clears the way for appointment of the third judge.

Need Court, Judge
The authority for the third judge leaves only the construction of the court building—already authorized by the County Board of Supervisors, and the actual appointment of the judge by the Governor.

The battle for a third judge in a Torrance court was opened here in May, 1955, with the appointment of Atty. Boris S. Woolley to head a steering committee on the matter.

Woolley's committee through the aid of The HERALD obtained copies of the unpublished County survey on the South Bay Judicial District, and opened a strong campaign to win County approval of the local court.

Site Offered
In November, 1955, the city formally offered a site for the court on the new Torrance Blvd. civic center, then being developed.

In January, 1956, the Board of Supervisors unanimously backed Supervisor Burton Chace's request for approval of a branch court in Torrance.

Since that time, the county has budgeted nearly \$200,000 for construction of the courthouse between the police station and the municipal swimming pool, and Architect Kenneth S. Wing of Long Beach has been employed to design the structure.

To Deed Site
The city Tuesday will deed the site to the County, and construction should be started this summer.

The new court will have facilities for a courtroom, marshal's office, deputy district attorney, and other court departments.

The Governor has not indicated when he expects to make the appointment of the third judge for the district.

You're On Your Own; Weather Equipment Gone

Anybody who is wondering what kind of weather Torrance is having will have to rely on his own observations for a few days at least.

Somebody broke into the weather station located at the Torrance Fire Department's main station sometime Friday and stole some of the recording equipment. The equipment is housed in a small compartment at the side of the station.

Before reports on the weather were halted by the thieves, the equipment showed that the city received 3.1 inch of rain Thursday, with a trace the day before. It rained yesterday, but you had to have an old tomato can to tell how much.

Temperatures for the week, before the thermometer was stolen, were:

	High	Low
Sunday	70	54
Monday	69	53
Tuesday	63	45
Wednesday	62	48
Thursday	63	51
Friday	Who knows?	Who knows?
Saturday	Who knows?	Who knows?

The two men were burned when a titanium melting furnace exploded at the huge aluminum firm, Robert F. Wade, 21, Lawndale, was decapitated in the accident. Final rites for him were held Friday at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary.

88,881 Persons Live Here Now, Estimate Shows

Torrance had a population of 88,881 on April 1, according to an estimate by the Regional Planning Commission.

City Manager George Stevens said he believed that this figure was very nearly correct, but predicted that the city would have some 90,000 citizens by July 1. The city's last official census last October showed a population of 82,234.

The city's rate of growth has slowed down somewhat because most of the large vacant areas of the town have been filled. Torrance's population in 1950 was 22,000 persons. It is now the county's sixth largest city, but is pressing hard on Burbank, which has 93,718 residents.

Other Regional Planning Commission estimates for nearby towns included Redondo Beach, 42,348; Hermosa Beach, 15,840; Manhattan Beach, 31,824; Hawthorne, 29,398; Palos Verdes Estates, 7477; Gardena, 28,540; and El Segundo, 13,459.

Fern School Plans Given Green Light

Hiring an architect to draw plans for a new school facility to replace the Fern School was authorized last week by the Torrance board of education.

The board recently approved either rehabilitation or replacement of the main building at Fern School, which does not meet the anti-earthquake specifications of the Field Act. Because of the rules of the State Department of Finance, architectural plans must be drawn before a final decision on rehabilitation or replacement can be made.

Killingsworth, Brady, and Smith, Long Beach, were hired for the job. If the State Department of Finance finds that Fern School should be rehabilitated, the contract would be canceled, but the same firm would be hired to draw plans for the rehabilitation.

What to Wear Today? Look Out of Window

At press time, the weatherman still couldn't decide whether mildy would be able to wear her new Easter outfit today without getting it wet.

Here's what he said: "Mostly cloudy with showers north and west portions. Gradual clearing Sunday, but few showers extreme southern mountains in morning. Windy mountains and interior."

The best that he would do was to advise churchgoers to look out the window before they leave.